IPEC India has been allocated $ 2.25 million for the period upto December, 1993. Under CLASP $ 830392 has been earmarked for a period of three years.

(b) to (d) As per the 1981 Census, there are six States namely, A.P., Bihar, Karnataka M.P., Maharashtra and U.P. with more than one million child labour. In the first phase, 10 States/UTs namely Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Goa, Pondicherry and Chandigarh have been identified for total elimination of child labour within a period of 3 years on the basis of a lower incidence of child labour in these States. Total eradication of child labour in the near future being considered not feasible due to socio-economic conditions, the policy of government is to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programme, greater awareness against employment of children amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children.

Harassment of widows by ITDC on payment of dues

66. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of widows who approach Provident Fund authorities when India Tourism Development Corporation failed to give them PF arrears of their husband and also family pension to them;

(b) whether it is a fact that ITDC is exempted if so, when and since then the number of complaints PF authorities received against ITDC management;

(c) whether it has come it has notice of PF authorities that ITDC legal authorities are harassing the widows by raising irrelevant objections and thereby delaying their payment;

(d) whether PF authorities in the past have conducted any high level probe against ITDC administration if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(e) whether any penalty has been imposed agains ITDC administration, if so, details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to revoke the exemption granted to ITDC in view of large scale complaints against ITDC management; and

(g) if not, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Industrial disputes pending in Delhi

67. SHRI J. S. RAJU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial disputes pending for three-years, five years and ten years in each Labour Court and Industrial Tribunal in Delhi as on date;

(b) which is the oldest industrial dispute and the date on which the reference was made;

(c) during the last three years the number of industrial disputes and applications instituted before each tribunal and labour court in Delhi year-wise and also the pending dispute and applications at the end of each year;

(d) the number of disputes and applications that were disposed of by each

tribunal and labour court during the last three years;

(e) the number of vacancies of the presiding officers occuring each labour court and tribunal, date of the vacancy and the date on which they were filled in during this period;

(f) whether any review has been conducted regarding institution and disposal of industrial disputes and applications in the past;

(g) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(h) whether there is any proposal to double the strength of labour courts and industrial tribunals in Delhi; and

(i) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

FAREWELL TO SHRI SUDARSHAN AGARWAL ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SECRETARY-GENERAL AND WELCOME TO SHREMATI V. S. RAMA DEVI, NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL, RAJYA SABHA

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that Shri Sudarshan Agarwal has retired from the office of Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha with effect from the afternoon of 30th of June, 1993.

He began his career in the State Judicial Service and held several assignments as Civil Judge, Magistrate, Settlement Commissioner in the Department of Rehabilitation, as Law Officer in the Law Commission, Government of India, for various terms before he was promoted District and Sessions Judge in April 1971.

Shri Agarwal joined the Rajya Sabha Secretariat in 1971 and served in different capacities for 22 years. He assumed the office of Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha in April, 1981 and served in this capacity for more than 12 years.

As Secretary-General, Shri Agarwal performed his duties with dedication and distinction and helped in ensuring the smooth functioning of the machinery for the parliamentary ysstem. He maintained cordial relations with the Members of the House and has always been accessible and helpful to them.

He has accompanied several parliamentary delegations abroad and attended many Presiding Officers' Conferences and Conferences of Secretaries of the various State Legislatures, of which he was the Chairman. He also actively participated in the 37th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and the 89th Inter-Parliamentary Union Conferece held in New Delhi. He has also been associated with numerous welfare activities.

Shri Agarwal has had the distinction of serving six Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. As for myself, I found his advice on matters of procedure and parliamentary practice of great value.

On behalf of the House and on my own behalf I want to express appreciation for the service he has rendered and wish him good health and happiness.

I have also to inform the House that I have appointed Shrimati V. S. Rama Devi as Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha.

Shrimati Rama Devi started her career as an Officer of the Indian Legal Service in the Legislative Department and was appointed as Special Secretary in the Legislative Department in September 1985. She became Member Secretary, Law Commission and Secretary to the Government of India. Later she was appointed as Secretary in the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice in January 1989 and held the post till January 1992.